



RESOLUTION NO. 24-667-1

A RESOLUTION OF THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS (SCAG) APPROVING ADDENDUM 1 TO THE FINAL PROGRAM ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT FOR CONNECT SOCIAL 2024 (STATE CLEARINGHOUSE NO.: 2022100337)

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS 900 Wilshire Blvd., Ste. 1700 Los Angeles, CA 90017 T: (213) 236-1800 www.scag.ca.gov

WHEREAS, the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) is a Joint Powers Agency established pursuant to California Government Code (Government Code) Section 6500 et seq.;

WHEREAS, SCAG is the designated Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the six-county region consisting of Imperial, Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino, and Ventura counties pursuant to Title 23, United States Code (U.S.C.) Section 134 et seq.;

WHEREAS, SCAG is responsible for maintaining a continuing, cooperative, and comprehensive transportation planning process which involves the preparation and update every four years of a Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) pursuant to Title 23, U.S.C. Section 134 et seq., Title 49, U.S.C. Section 5303 et seq., and Title 23, Code of Federal Regulations (C.F.R.) Section 450 et seq.;

WHEREAS, SCAG is the multi-county designated transportation planning agency under state law, and as such is responsible for preparing, adopting, and updating every four years the RTP and Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS) (RTP/SCS) pursuant to Government Code Section 65080 et seq.;

WHEREAS, pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) as codified in California Public Resources Code Section 21000 et seq. and CEQA Guidelines (California Code Regulations, Title 14, Section 15000 et seq.), SCAG is the Lead Agency responsible for preparing the Program Environmental Impact Report (PEIR) for the RTP/SCS;

WHEREAS, on April 4, 2024, SCAG Regional Council certified the Final PEIR for the 2024-2050 RTP/SCS (Connect SoCal 2024) (State Clearinghouse #2022100337), in accordance with applicable provisions of CEQA, Cal. Pub. Res. Code Section 21000 et seq.;

WHEREAS, when certifying the PEIR for Connect SoCal 2024, the SCAG Regional Council approved Resolution 24-664-1 which is incorporated herein by reference (available at https://scag.ca.gov/sites/main/files/file-attachments/resolution_no. 24-664-1 - certify the final peir for connect social 2024.pdf) to adopt Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program, Findings of Fact, and a Statement of Overriding Considerations;

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WHEREAS, on April 4, 2024, SCAG Regional Council also adopted Connect SoCal 2024, including the associated transportation conformity determination, and on May 10, 2024, FHWA and FTA, in coordination with US EPA Region 9, determined that the 2024-2050 RTP/SCS conforms to the applicable SIPs; and

WHEREAS, since the adoption of Connect SoCal 2024 and the certification of the PEIR staff has received requests from all six county transportation commissions in the SCAG region to amend Connect SoCal 2024 to reflect addition of projects or modifications to project scopes, costs, and/or schedules for critical transportation projects, as well as the addition of some new projects as specified in the Amendment 1 to the Connect SoCal 2024 (“Amendment 1”), in order to allow such projects to move forward toward the implementation phase;

WHEREAS, when an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) has been certified and the project is modified or otherwise changed after certification, then additional CEQA review may be necessary;

WHEREAS, pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15164(a), an addendum may be prepared by the lead agency that prepared the original EIR if some changes or additions are necessary, but none of the conditions have occurred set forth under CEQA Guidelines Section 15162 requiring preparation of a subsequent or supplemental EIR;

WHEREAS, SCAG staff determined and for the reasons set forth in Addendum 1 to the PEIR for Connect SoCal 2024, an addendum is the appropriate CEQA document for Amendment 1 to Connect SoCal 2024 because the proposed project revisions set forth in Amendment 1 do not meet the conditions of CEQA Guidelines Sections 15162 and 15163, for the preparation of a subsequent or supplemental EIR;

WHEREAS, SCAG has finalized Addendum 1 to the PEIR for Connect SoCal 2024, incorporated herein by this reference, to address the proposed changes to Connect SoCal 2024 as described in Amendment 1;

WHEREAS, an addendum is not required to be circulated for public review;

WHEREAS, on September 5, 2024, the Energy and Environment Committee recommended the Regional Council adopt this Resolution to approve Addendum 1 to the PEIR for Connect SoCal 2024 (State Clearinghouse #2022100337); and

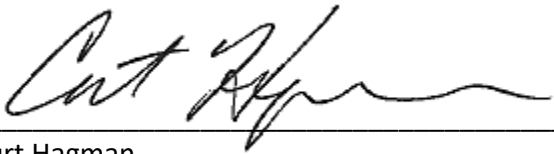
WHEREAS, pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15164(d), the Regional Council has considered Addendum 1 with the previously certified PEIR for Connect SoCal 2024 prior to making a decision on Amendment 1 for Connect SoCal 2024.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Regional Council of the Southern California Association of Governments, that the foregoing recitals are true and correct and incorporated by this reference; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the SCAG Regional Council finds as follows:

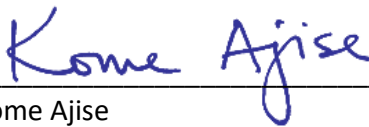
1. Addendum 1 to the PEIR for Connect SoCal 2024 has been completed in compliance with CEQA.
2. The adoption of the proposed revisions set forth in Amendment 1 would not result in either new significant environmental effects or a substantial increase in the severity of previously identified significant effects for the reasons described in Addendum 1; such proposed changes in Amendment 1 are consistent with the analysis, mitigation measures, alternatives, Finding of Facts, and Statement of Overriding Considerations contained in the certified PEIR for Connect SoCal 2024; and thus, a subsequent or supplemental EIR is not required and Addendum 1 to the previously certified PEIR for Connect SoCal 2024 fulfills the requirements of CEQA.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED by the Regional Council of the Southern California Association of Governments at its regular meeting this 5th day of September 2024.



Curt Hagman
President, SCAG
County of San Bernardino

Attested by:



Kome Ajise
Executive Director

Approved as to Form:



Jeffery Elder
Chief Counsel